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Fresh from his fall, and fiercer grapple join'd,
Throttled at length in th' air, expir'd and fell. *Milton.*
Or did his genius
Know mine the stronger demon, fear'd the grapple,
And, looking round him, found this nook of fate,
To skulk behind my sword. *Dryden's Don Sebastian.*

2. Close fight.
In the grapple I boarded them; on the instant they got clear
of our ship, so I alone became their prisoner. *Shakef. Hamlet.*
3. Iron instrument by which one ship fastens on another.
But Cymon soon his crooked grapples cast,
Which with tenacious hold his foes embrac'd. *Dryden.*
GRAPPLEMENT. *n. f.* [from *grapple*.] Close fight; hostile
embrace.
They catching hold of him, as down he lent,
Him backward overthrew, and down him stay'd
With their rude hands and grievous grapplement. *Fairy Queen.*
GRASHPER. *n. f.* [from *grasp* and *per*.] A small insect that hops
in the summer grass. The cicada of the Latins, or cicada
of the Italians, is often by the poets translated *grashopper*, but
improperly.
Her waggon spokes made of long spinners legs,
The cover of the wings of *grashoppers*. *Shakef. Ro. and Jul.*
Grashoppers eat up the green of whole countries. *Eaton.*
Where silver lakes, with verdant shadows crown'd,
Disperse a grateful chineless all around;
The *grashopper* avoids the untainted air,
Nor in the midst of summer ventures there. *Addison.*
The women were of such an enormous stature, that we
appeared as *grashoppers* before them. *Addison's Spectator.*
GRASPER. See GRAZIER.
TO GRASP. *v. a.* [*graspere*, Italian.]
1. To hold in the hand; to gripe.
O fool that I am, that thought I could grasp water and bind
the wind. *Sidney, b. ii.*
In his right hand
Grasping ten thousand thunders, which he sent
Before him, such as in their souls infix'd
Plagues. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. vi.*
Kings, by grasping more than they could hold,
First made their subjects, by oppression, bold. *Denham.*
Doom, as they please, my empire not to stand,
I'll grasp my sceptre with my dying hand. *Dryd. Ind. Emp.*
2. To seize; to catch at.
This grasping of the militia of the kingdom into their own
hands, was desired the summer before. *Clarendon.*
TO GRASP. *v. u.*
1. To catch; to endeavour to seize; to try at.
So endless and exorbitant are the desires of men, that they
will grasp at all, and can form no scheme of perfect happiness
with less. *Swift.*
2. To struggle; to strive; to grapple. Not now in use.
See, his face is black and full of blood;
His hands abroad display'd, as one that grasps
And tugg'd for life. *Shakefpeare's Henry VI. p. ii.*
3. To gripe; to encroach.
Like a miser 'midst his store,
Who grasps and grasps till he can hold no more. *Dryden.*
GRASP. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. The gripe or seizure of the hand.
Nor wanted in his grasp
What seem'd both spear and shield. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*
This hand and sword have been acquainted well;
It should have come before into my grasp.
To kill the ravisher. *Dryden's Don Sebastian.*
The left arm is a little defaced, though one may see it held
something in its grasp formerly. *Addison on Italy.*
2. Possession; hold.
I would not be the villain that thou think'st
For the whole space that's in the tyrant's grasp
And the rich East to boot. *Shakefpeare's Macbeth.*
3. Power of seizing.
Within the direful grasp
Of savage hunger, or of savage heat.
They looked upon it as their own, and had it even within
their grasp. *Clarendon, b. viii.*
GRASPER. *n. f.* [from *grasp*.] One that grasps, seizes, or
catches at.
GRASS. *n. f.* [*græs*, Saxon.] The common herbage of the
field on which cattle feed; an herb with long narrow leaves.
Ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as
bells. *Jer. l. 11.*
The trade of beef for foreign exportation was prejudiced,
and almost sunk; for the flesh being young, and only grass
fed, was thin, light and moist, and not of a substance to
endure the salt, or be preserved by it, for long voyages,
or a slow consumption.
You'll be no more your former you;
But for a blooming nymph will pass;
Just fifteen, coming Summer's grass. *Swift.*
GRASS of Parnassus. *n. f.* [*parnassia*, Latin.]

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It hath a rose-shaped flower of five large leaves, and five
small at the bottom fringed, of a greenish colour, and planted
orbicularly: out of the flower-cup arises the pointal, which
turns to an oval membranaceous fruit, having but one cell
filled with seeds. This plant grows wild in most meadows,
particularly in the North. It is called *parnassia* from mount
Parnassus, where it was supposed to grow; and because the
cattle feed on it, it obtained the name of grass, though the
plant has no resemblance to the grass kind. *Ail'er.*
TO GRASS. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To breed grass; to become
pasture.
Land arable, driven, or worn to the proof,
With oats ye may sow it, the sooner to grass. *Tull. Husband.*
More soon to be pasture, to bring it to pass. *Tull. Husband.*
GRASS-LOT. *n. f.* [*grafs* and *plot*.] A small level covered
with short grass.
Here on this grass-plot, in this very place,
Come and sport. *Shakefpeare's Tempest.*
The part of your garden next your house should be a par-
terre for flowers, or grass-plots bordered with flowers. *Temple.*
They are much valued by our modern planters, to adorn
their walks and grass-plots. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
GRASS-TOLY. A species of WILLOW-WORT, which see.
GRASSINESS. *n. f.* [from *grass*.] The state of abounding in
grass.
GRASSY. *adj.* [from *grass*.] Covered with grass; abounding
with grass.
Ne did he leave the mountains bare unseen,
Nor the rank grassy fens delights untry'd. *Spenser.*
Rais'd of grassy turf
Their table was, and mossy seats had round. *Milt. P. L.*
The most in fields, like herded beasts, lie down,
To dew obnoxious, on the grassy floor. *Dryd. Dan. Mir.*
GRATE. *n. f.* [*grates*, Latin.]
1. A partition made with bars placed near to one another, or
crossing each other: such as are in cloysters or prisons.
I have grated upon my good friends for three reprieves for
you, and your couch-fellow, Nim; or else you had lock'd
through the grates, like a gemmy of baboons. *Shakefpeare.*
Out at a little grate his eyes he cast
Upon those bordering hills, and open plain. *Daniel's C. W.*
A fan has on it a nursery of lively black-eyed vultures,
who are endeavouring to creep out at the grates. *Addison.*
2. The range of bars within which fires are made.
My dear is of opinion that an old fashioned grate consumes
coals, but gives no heat. *Spektator, N. 30.*
TO GRATE. *v. a.* [*gratter*, French.]
1. To rub or wear any thing by the attrition of a rough body.
Thereat the fiend his gnashing teeth did grate. *Fai. 29.*
Blind oblivion swallow'd cities up,
And mighty states characterless are grated
To dusty nothing. *Shakefpeare's Troilus and Cressida.*
If the particles of the putty were not made to stick fast in
the pitch, they would, by rolling up and down, grate and fret
the object metal, and fill it full of little holes. *Newton's Opt.*
2. To offend by any thing harsh or vexatious.
Thereat enraged, soon he 'gan upstart,
Grinding his teeth and grating his great heart. *Hubb. Tol.*
They have been partial in the gospel, culled and chosen out
those foster and more gentle dictates which should less grate
and disturb them. *Decay of Piety.*
Just resentment and hard usage coin'd
Th' unwilling word; and, grating as it is,
Take it, for it is thy due. *Dryden's Don Sebastian.*
This habit of writing and discouraging, wherein I unfortu-
nately differ from almost the whole kingdom, and am apt to
grate the ears of more than I could wish, was acquired during
my apprenticeship in London. *Swift.*
3. To form a sound by collision of asperities or hard bodies.
The grating shock of wrathful iron arms. *Shakef. R. II.*
On a sudden open fly,
With impetuous recoil and jarring sound,
Th' infernal doors, and on their hinges grate
Harsh thunder, that the lowest bottom shook
Of Erebus. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ii.*
TO GRATE. *v. n.*
1. To rub hard so as to injure or offend; to offend, as by op-
pression or importunity.
Wherein have you been galled by the king?
What peer hath been suborn'd to grate on you,
That you should feel this lawless bloody book
Of forg'd rebellion upon my good friends for three reprieves for
you, or else you had looked through the grates. *Shakefpeare.*
Paradoxing is of great use; but the faculty must be so ten-
derly managed as not to grate upon the truth and reason of
things. *L'Estrange's Fables.*
This grated harder upon, and raised greater tumults and
boilings in the hearts of men, than the seeming unreasonableness
of former articles. *South's Sermon.*
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I never heard him make the least complaint, in a case that
would have grated sorely on some men's patience, and have
filled their lives with discontent. *Locke.*
2. To make a harsh noise, as that of a rough body drawn over
another.
We are not so nice as to cast away a sharp knife, because
the edge of it may sometimes grate. *Milton, b. v. f. 36.*
GRATEFUL. *adj.* [*gratus*, Latin.]
1. Having a due sense of benefits; willing to acknowledge and
to repay benefits.
A grateful mind
By owing owes not, but still pays. *Milton.*
Years of service past,
From grateful souls exact reward at last. *Dryden's Fables.*
2. Pleading; acceptable; delightful; delicious.
Whatever is ingrate at first, is made grateful by custom;
but whatsoever is too pleasing at first, groweth quickly to
satiate. *Bacon's Natural History.*
Now golden fruits on loaded branches shine,
And grateful clusters swell with floods of wine. *Pope.*
GRATEFULLY. *adv.* [from *grateful*.]
1. With willingness to acknowledge and repay benefits; with
due sense of obligation.
He, as new wak'd, thus gratefully reply'd. *Milton.*
Enough remains for household charge beside,
His wife and tender children to sustain,
And grates to feed his dumb delecting train. *Dryd. Virg.*
In Cyprus long by men and gods obey'd,
The lovers toil the grates to repay. *Granville.*
2. In a pleasing manner.
Study detains the mind by the perpetual occurrence of some-
thing new, which may gratefully strike the imagination. *Watts.*
GRATEFULNESS. *n. f.* [from *grateful*.]
1. Gratitude; duty to benefactors. Now obsolete.
A Lacedaemon knight, having sometime served him with more
gratefulness than good courage defended him. *Sidney.*
Blessings betwixt-hand, ties of gratefulness,
The sound of glory ringing in our ears. *Herbert.*
2. Quality of being acceptable; pleasantness.
GRATER. *n. f.* [*grator*, Fr. from *grate*.] A kind of coarse file
with which soft bodies are rubbed to powder.
GRATIFICATION. *n. f.* [*gratificatio*, Latin.]
1. The act of pleasing.
They are incapable of any design above the present grati-
fication of their palates. *South's Sermons.*
2. Pleasure; delight.
How hardly is his will brought to change all its desires and
aversions, and to renounce those gratifications in which he has
been long used to place his happiness? *Rogers's Sermons.*
3. Reward; recompence. A low word.
TO GRATIFY. *v. a.* [*gratificari*, Latin.]
1. To indulge; to please by compliance.
You steer between the country and the court,
Nor gratify, whate'er the great desire,
Nor grudging give what publick needs require. *Dryden.*
2. To delight, to please.
But pride flood ready to prevent the blow;
For who would die to gratify a foe? *Dryden's Fables.*
The captive general to his car are ty'd;
The joyful citizens tumultuous tide
Echoing his glory, gratify his pride. *Prior.*
A palled appetite is humorous, and must be gratified with
saucers rather than food. *Totter, N. 54.*
At once they gratify their scent and taste,
While frequent cups prolong the rich repast.
A thousand little impertinencies are very gratifying to cu-
riosity, though not improving to the understanding. *Addison.*
3. To requite with a gratification: as, I'll gratify you for this
trouble.
GRATINGLY. *adv.* [from *grate*.] Harshly; offensively.
GRATIS. *adv.* [Latin.] For nothing; without a recom-
pence.
The people cry you mock'd them; and, of late,
When corn was given them gratis, you repin'd. *Shakefpeare.*
They sold themselves; but thou, like a kind fellow, gav'st
thyself away gratis, and I thank thee for thee. *Shakefpeare.*
Kindred are no welcome clients, where relation gives them
a title to have advice gratis. *L'Estrange.*
I scorned to take my degree at Utrecht or Leyden, though
off'rd it gratis by those universities. *Arbutnot's John Bull.*
GRATITUDE. *n. f.* [*gratitudo*, low Latin.]
1. Duty to benefactors.
Forbid
That our renowned Rome, whose gratitude
Tow'rd her deserving children is enroll'd,
Should now eat up her own! *Shakefpeare's Coriolanus.*
2. Desire to return benefits.
The debt immense of endless gratitude.
Gratitude is properly a virtue, disposing the mind to an in-
ward sense and an outward acknowledgment of a benefit re-
ceived, together with a readiness to return the same, or the
like. *South's Sermon.*

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GRATUITOUS. *adj.* [*gratuitus*, Latin; *gratuit*, Fr.]
1. Voluntary; granted without claim or merit.
We mistake the gratuitous blessings of heaven for the fruits
of our own industry. *L'Estrange.*
2. Asserted without proof.
The second motive they had to introduce this gratuitous
declination of atoms, the same poet gives us. *Key.*
GRATUITOUSLY. *adv.* [from *gratuitous*.]
1. Without claim or merit.
2. Without proof.
I would know whence came this obliquity of direction,
which they gratuitously tack to matter: this is to ascribe will
and choice to these particles. *Chester's Phil. Prin.*
GRATUITY. *n. f.* [*gratuitie*, Fr. from *gratuitous*.] A present or
acknowledgment; a free gift.
They might have pretended to comply with Ulysses, and
dismissed him with a small gratuity. *Notes on the Odyssey.*
He used every year to present us with his almanack, upon
the score of some little gratuity we gave him. *Swift.*
TO GRATULATE. *v. a.* [*gratulari*, Latin.]
1. To congratulate; to salute with declarations of joy.
To gratify the good Andronicus,
And gratulate his safe return to Rome,
The people will accept whom he admires. *Shakef. Tit. Andr.*
Whither away so fast?
—No farther than the Tower,
To gratulate the gentle princes there. *Shakefpeare, Rich. III.*
Since nature could behold so dire a crime,
I gratulate at least my native clime,
That such a land, which such a monster bore,
So far is distant from our Thracian shore. *Dryden's Fables.*
2. To declare joy for.
Yet give thy jealous subjects leave to doubt,
Who this thy 'scape from rumour gratefully
No less than if from peril; and devout
Do beg thy care unto thy after state. *Pen. John's Epigrams.*
GRATULATION. *n. f.* [from *gratulo*, Latin.] Salutations
made by expressing joy; expression of joy.
They are the first gratulations wherewith our Lord and Sa-
viour was joyfully received at his entrance into the world, by
such as in their hearts, arms, and bowels embraced him. *Hook.*
The earth
Gave signs of gratulation, and each hill. *Ps. Par. Lest.*
Your enjoyment, according to the standard of a Christian
desire, are so complac that they require no addition: I shall
turn my wishes into gratulations, and, congratulating their ful-
ness, only wish their continuance. *South.*
GRATULATORY. *adj.* [from *gratulate*.] Congratulatory, ex-
pressing congratulation.
GRAVE, a final syllable in the names of places, is from the
Saxon *græp*, a grove or cave. *Gibson's Camden.*
GRAVE. *n. f.* [*græp*, Saxon.] The place in the ground in
which the dead are repositied.
Now it is the time of night,
That the graves, all gaping wide,
Every one lets forth his spright,
In the church-way paths to glide. *Shakefpeare.*
Thou wilt not leave me in the loathsome grave. *Milton.*
To walk upon the graves of our dead masters,
Is our own security.
A flood of waters would overwhelm all those fragments
which the earth broke into, and bury in one common grave
all mankind, and all the inhabitants of the earth. *Barnet.*
GRAVE-CLOATHS. *n. f.* [*grave* and *cloaths*.] The dress of the
dead.
But of such subtle substance and unbound,
That like a ghost he seem'd, whose grave-cloaths were un-
bound. *Spenser's Fairy Queen, b. xi.*
And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot
with grave-cloaths. *Jo. xi. 44.*
GRAVE-STONE. *n. f.* [*grave* and *stone*.] The stone that is laid
over the grave; the monumental stone.
I'mon, presently prepare thy grave;
Lye where the light foam of the sea may beat
Thy grave-stone daily. *Shakefpeare's Timon of Athens.*
TO GRAVE. *v. a.* preter. *graved*; part. pass. *graven*. [*graver*,
French; *graver*.]
1. To insculpt; to carve a figure or inscription in any hard sub-
stance.
Cornice with bossy sculptures graven. *Milton.*
Such later vows, oaths, or leagues can never blot out those
former *gravings* or characters, which by just and lawful oaths
were made upon their souls. *King Charles.*
Thy sum of duty let two words contain;
O! may they graven in thy heart remain,
Be humble and be just. *Prior.*
2. To carve or form.
What profiteth the graven image, that the maker thereof
hath graven it? *Heb. ii. 18.*
3. To copy paintings upon wood or metal, in order to be im-
pressed on paper. *10 P.*